

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Some voices have been raised in this regard. However no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

**Official Communication from Hizbul Mujahideen on Unilateral Cease-Fire**

2546. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any official communication from the militant outfit Hizbul Mujahideen about their unilateral three months cease-fire in Jammu and Kashmir and to hold talks with the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details of their communication;

(c) the views of the Central Government on the subject; and

(d) whether Government would like to take any initiative to form a consensus with the Opposition Parties and if so, the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Hizbul-Mujahideen has since withdrawn the cease-fire. The Government will however not deviate from its chosen course of talks with all those in Kashmir who eschew the path of terror and violence. However Government would continue its battle against all those who continue to stick to that path of terrorism.

**Security cover to Ex-PMs**

2547. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Ex-Prime Ministers have requested Government to withdraw the special protection cover to them;

(b) if so, what have been Government's response to their requests; and

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(c) whether it is a fact that one Ex-Prime Minister was provided with security cover even when on a foreign trip for treatment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Shri V.P. Singh and Shri H.D. Deve Gowda, former Prime Minister had requested for the withdrawal of the SPG cover provided to them.

(b) The SPG cover provided to Shri V.P. Singh has already been withdrawn and a scheme for his alternative security has been issued by MHA.

Shri H.D. Deve Gowda later withdraw his request for removing the SPG cover provided to him. Therefore, SPG cover in his case is still continuing.

(c) Yes Sir. Shri V.P. Singh and Shri P.V. Narsimha Rao, Ex-Prime Ministers were provided with SPG security cover when on a foreign trip for medical treatment, as SPG protectees.

#### **Rape Crisis Intervention Centres**

2548. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police proposes to set up Rape Crisis Intervention Centres in Delhi to deal with rape cases especially involving minors effectively;

(b) if so, the circumstances necessitating the setting up of these centres; and

(c) whether private individuals cooperation in the investigation is proposed to be sought, if so, whether Government would ensure protection of those who would come forward voluntarily to help the investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Delhi Police set up in June, 2000 Rape Crisis Intervention Centres in each of the nine districts to provide prompt